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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR REAL-TIME TEXT RULES  
AND COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DEADLINES  
FOR THE FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING  
CG Docket No. 16-145  
GN Docket No. 15-178**

**Comment Deadline: February 22, 2017**  
**Reply Comment Deadline: March 24, 2017**

On December 15, 2016, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) adopted a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)<sup>1</sup> in the above-referenced proceeding, amending its rules and seeking additional comment on certain matters pertaining to a transition from text telephone (TTY) technology to real-time text (RTT) communication over wireless Internet Protocol (IP) enabled networks. The Commission ordered that the amendments to its rules shall be effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register unless otherwise specified.<sup>2</sup> The rule amendments were published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2017.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the rule amendments will become effective on February 22, 2017.

In addition to the amended rules, the Commission extended the notice conditions imposed on service providers that have been or will be granted a waiver of the Commission's TTY support obligation for IP-based services. The implementation of those requirements are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register of a notice announcing the approval by the Office of Management and Budget of the new information collection requirements under the PRA.<sup>4</sup>

A summary of the FNPRM was also published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2017.<sup>5</sup> The Commission established the comment deadline to be 30 days after publication in the Federal Register and the reply comment deadline to be 60 days after publication in the Federal Register. Accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> *Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology; Petition for Rulemaking to Update the Commission's Rules for Access to Support the Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology, and Petition for Waiver of Rules Requiring Support of TTY Technology*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-169 (rel. Dec. 16, 2016) (*RTT Order*). The *RTT Order* is available on the Commission's website at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/adoption-real-time-text-rtt-rules>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 105.

<sup>3</sup> FCC, *Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology*, 82 Fed. Reg. 7699 (Jan. 23, 2017) (*RTT Final Rules Summary*).

<sup>4</sup> *RTT Order* at para. 106.

<sup>5</sup> FCC, *Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology*, 82 Fed. Reg. 7766 (Jan. 23, 2017) (*RTT Proposed Rules Summary*).

comments responding to the FNPRM must be filed on or before February 22, 2017, and reply comments must be filed on or before March 24, 2017.

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